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15 April 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Directorate of Plans  
Deputy Director for War Plans  
Headquarters, USAF

**ATTENTION:** Lt. Col. L. F. Prouty, AFXPD-PL-TB

**SUBJECT:** Request for Support

**REFERENCE:** [ ] to Directorate of Plans;  
dated 10 April 1959; subject: C-130 Familiar-  
ization Training

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1. In addition to the requirement outlined in the referenced memorandum it is further requested that a C-130 aircraft with requisite aircrew for conducting heavy drop operations be made available on a loan basis at Edwards Air Force Base on 26 April 1959. Included with the aircraft should be adequate maintenance personnel, parts, and special tools to support approximately seven days (20 hours) of operation out of Edwards Air Force Base, California. All requirements for airborne supplies and equipment will be met by this Agency.

2. Special support required from Edwards Air Force Base is outlined below:

- a. C-130 ground handling equipment.
- b. Field maintenance assistance as necessary.
- c. POL
- d. Allocation of a test area appropriate for airdrop activities to be conducted between altitudes of 1000 to 10,000 feet above the drop zone. The assigned test area or areas should include mountainous terrain features approaching altitudes of 10,000/12,000 feet  
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- e. Ground transportation of personnel and equipment as necessary.
  - f. Use of base facilities, i. e., parachute loft, etc.
  - g. Billeting for a total of nine Agency military and civilian personnel plus the C-130 crew and support complement.
3. The aircraft and crew will be used to conduct an operational suitability test program involving high altitude airdrop of equipment utilizing electronic aids exclusively for targeting purposes.
4. It is estimated that the aircraft and crew will be required for a period not to exceed eight days. The aircraft commander should be instructed to report to [ ] upon arrival at Edwards Air Force Base.
5. In view of this Agency's urgent requirement for completion of the test program within the allotted time, it is requested that your office designate appropriate priorities for procuring support at Edwards Air Force Base.
6. All expenditures incurred by the USAF in providing the support requested above will be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of Tab 6.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

BY: /s/

WILLIAM BURKE  
Colonel USAF

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